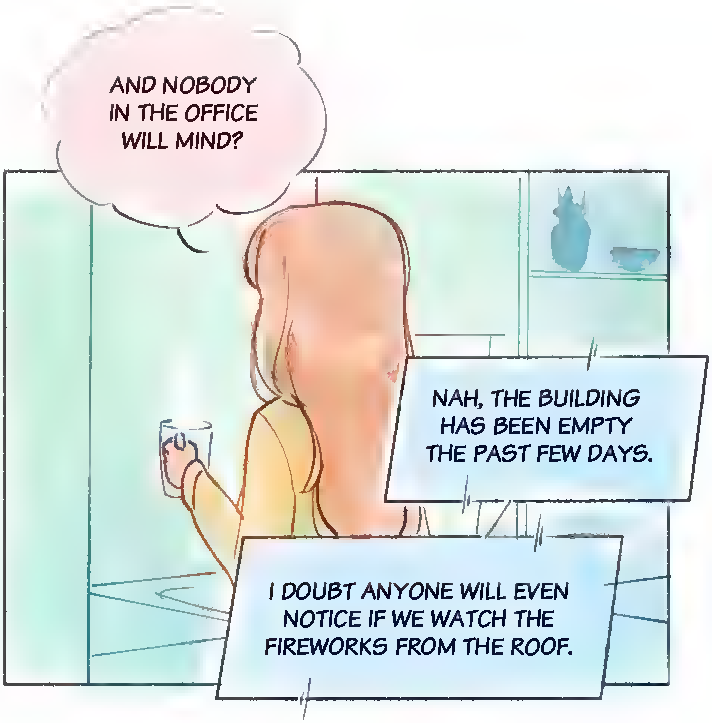
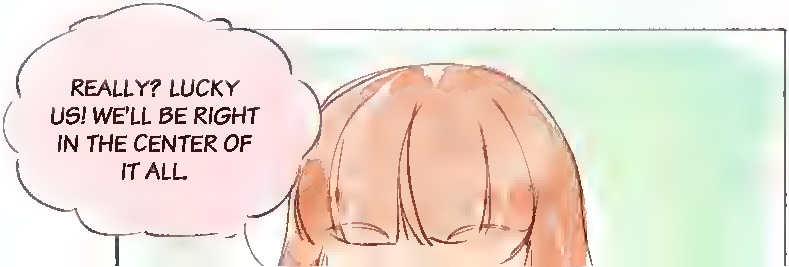
# ALWAYS HUMAN

Side Story - New Year's Eve


AND NOBODY IN THE OFFICE WILL MIND?
NAH, THE BUILDING HAS BEEN EMPTY THE PAST FEW DAYS.
I DOUBT ANYONE WILL EVEN NOTICE IF WE WATCH THE FIREWORKS FROM THE ROOF.


REALLY? LUCKY US! WE'LL BE RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL.

AND MY DORMS ARE NEARBY, SO WE CAN GO TO MY ROOM AFTER.

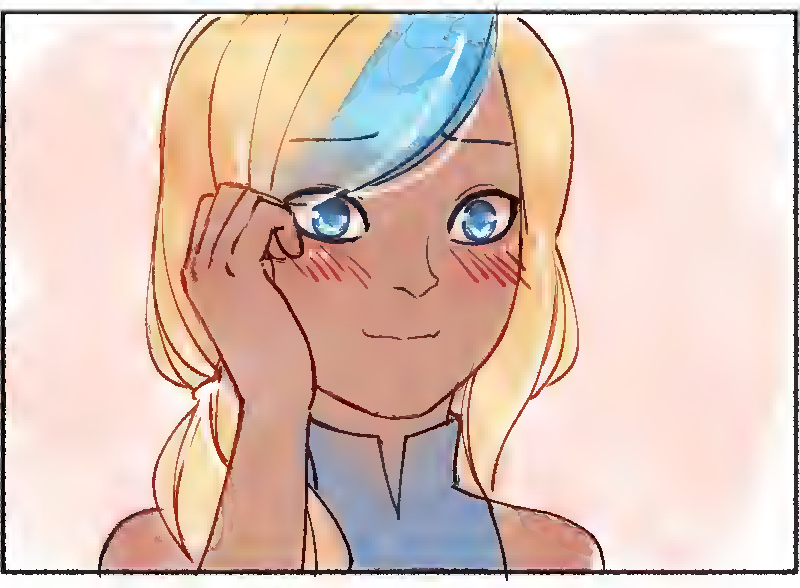
IT'LL BE NICE TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE TOGETHER.

CLICK

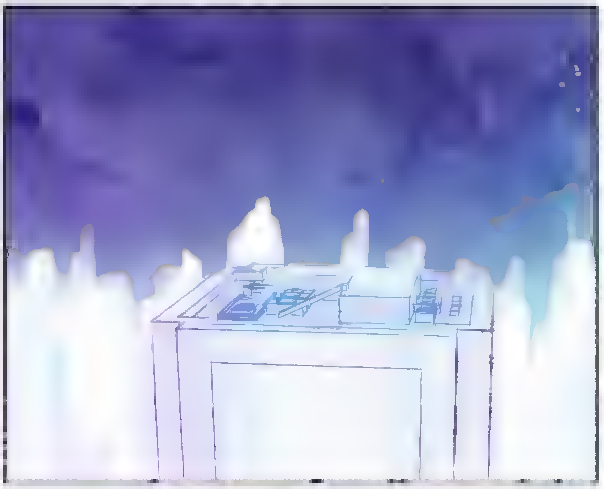
Oh She
hung up

SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE TOGETHER?

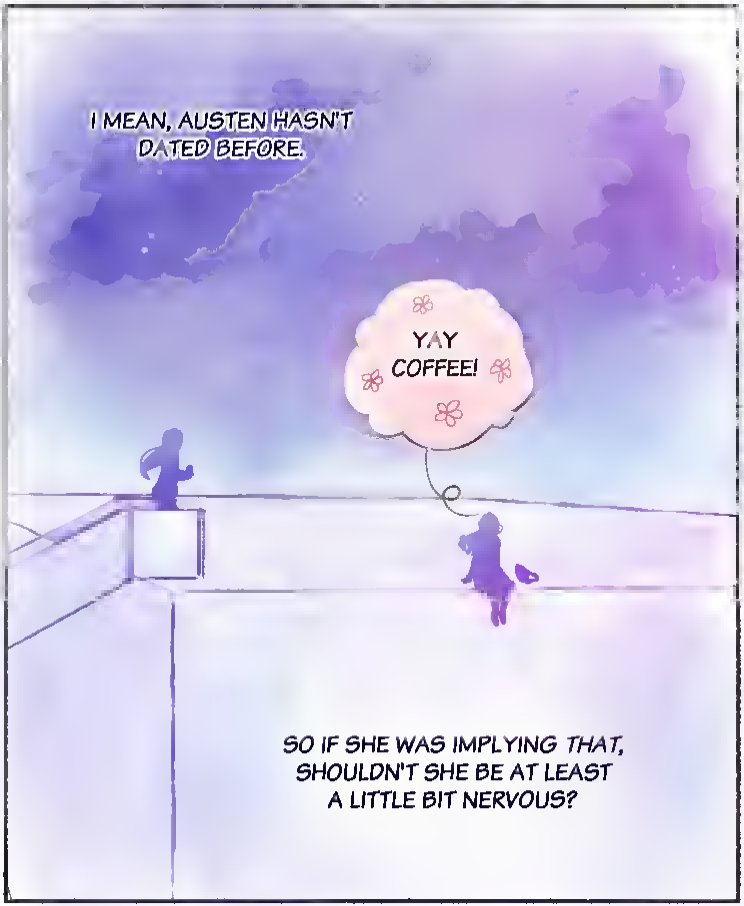
GO TO HER ROOM AFTER?



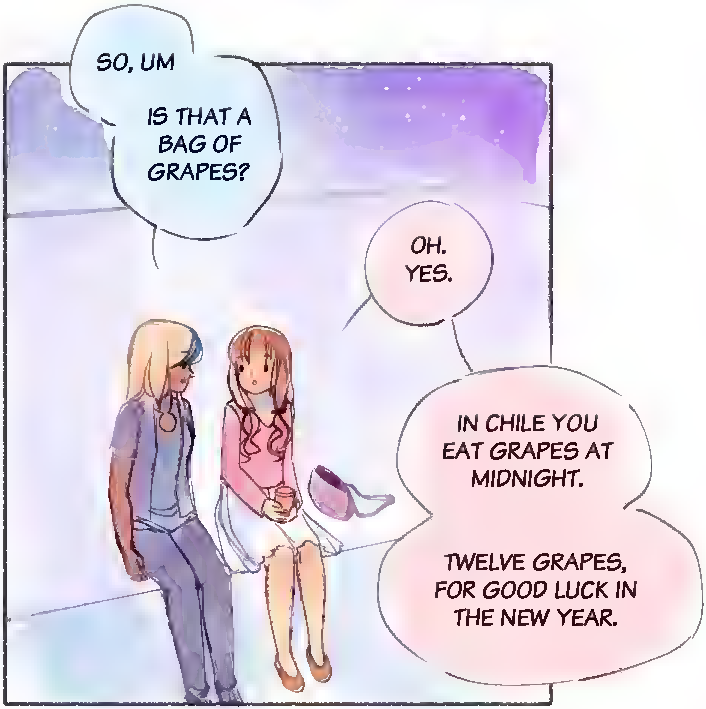
WHAT EXACTLY DOES
THAT MEAN?

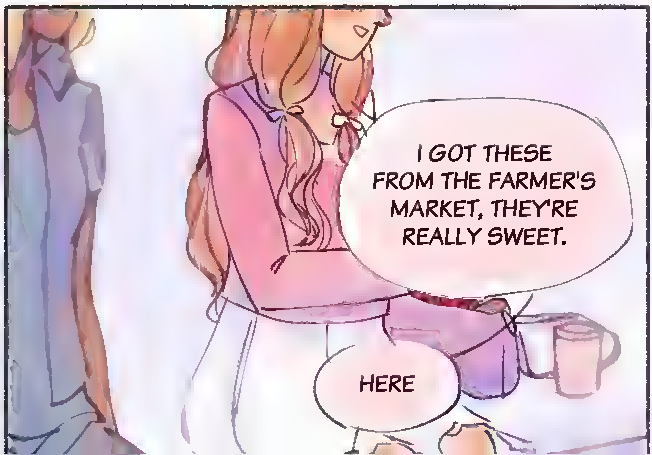


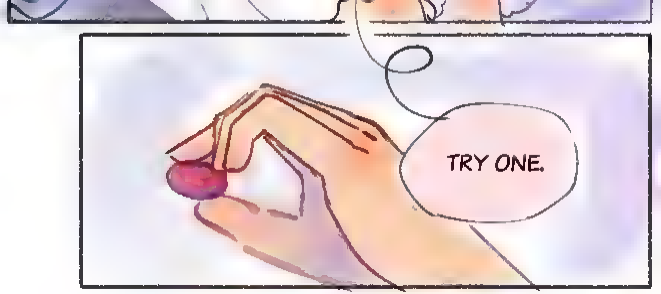
SO I STILL HAVEN'T ASKED AUSTEN ABOUT, UM . . .
MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD?


I MEAN, AUSTEN HASN'T DATED BEFORE.
YAY COFFEE!
SO IF SHE WAS IMPLYING THAT, SHOULDN'T SHE BE AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS?

THANK YOU!


SO, UM
IS THAT A BAG OF GRAPES?
OH. YES.
IN CHILE YOU EAT GRAPES AT MIDNIGHT.
TWELVE GRAPES, FOR GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR.


I GOT THESE FROM THE FARMER'S MARKET, THEY'RE REALLY SWEET.
HERE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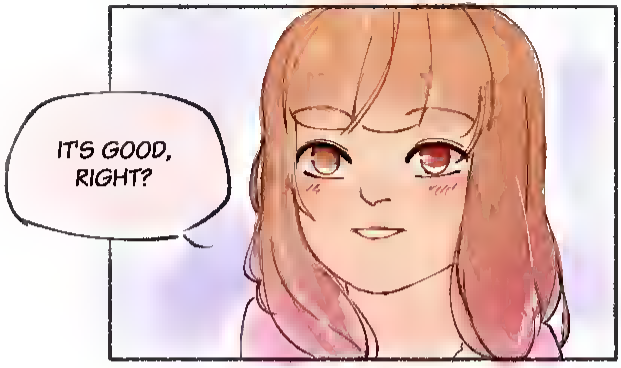
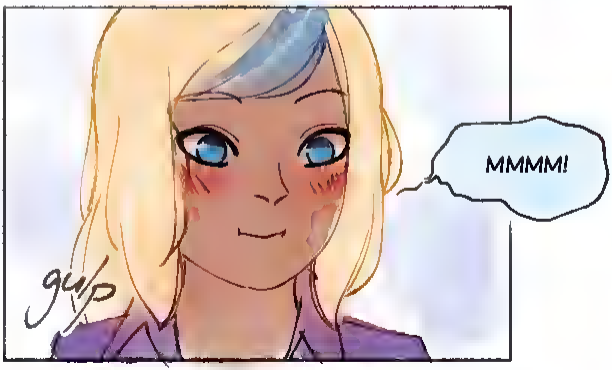
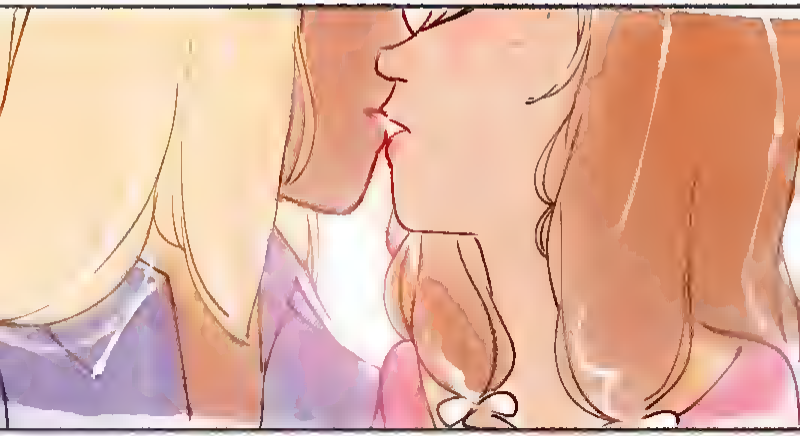

IT'S GOOD, RIGHT?

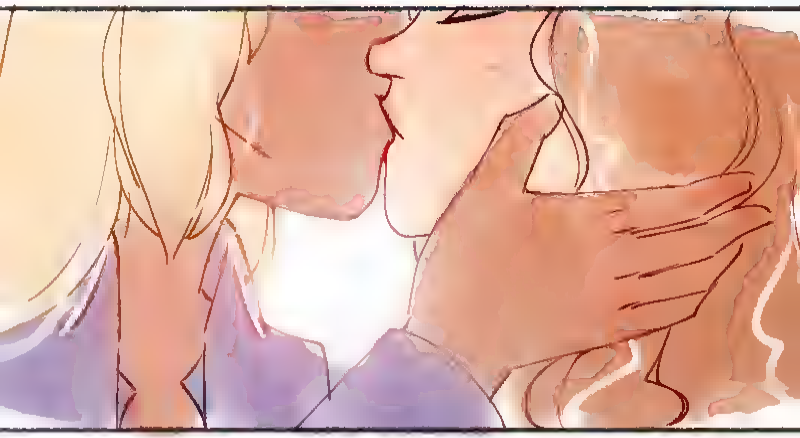

MMMM!
gulp

SURELY AUSTEN CAN HEAR
MY HEART BEATING.

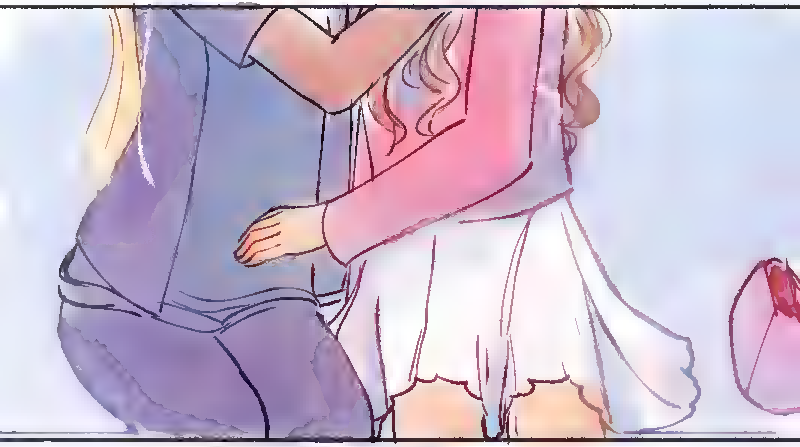
SURELY SHE CAN FEEL THE HEAT
GATHERING BENEATH MY SKIN.

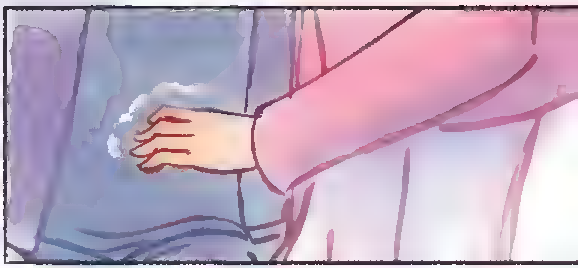


WHAT DID SHE MEAN WHEN SHE SAID
WE CAN GO TO MY ROOM AFTER ?



MAYBE - MAYBE -

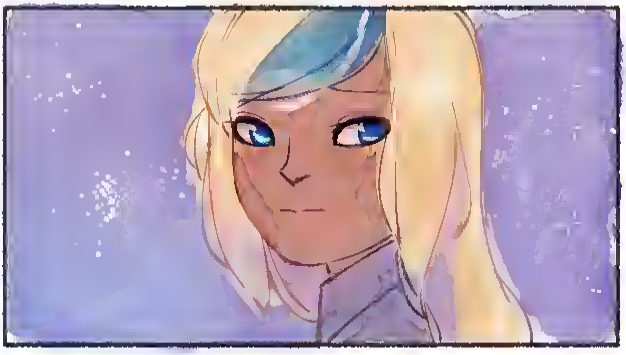




I- I'M
SORRY.

I CAN'T, I'M SO SORRY.
I'M TRYING SO HARD TO BE COOL AND MATURE BUT-
I - I SHOULDN'T HAVE SUGGESTED WE GO BACK TO MY ROOM.
IT'S MADE ME SO NERVOUS AND I FREAKED OUT, I CAN'T-

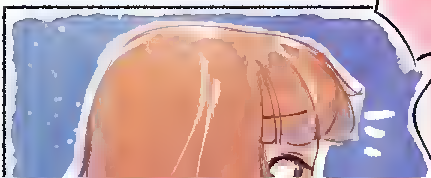
I JUST CAN'T DO ANY OF THIS RIGHT NOW.



WAS I PRESSURING YOU?

WHAT? NO!

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

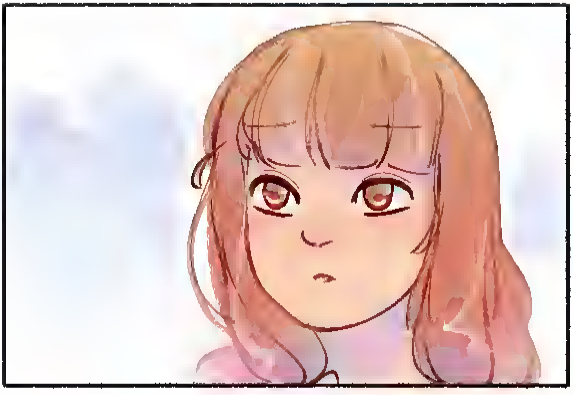


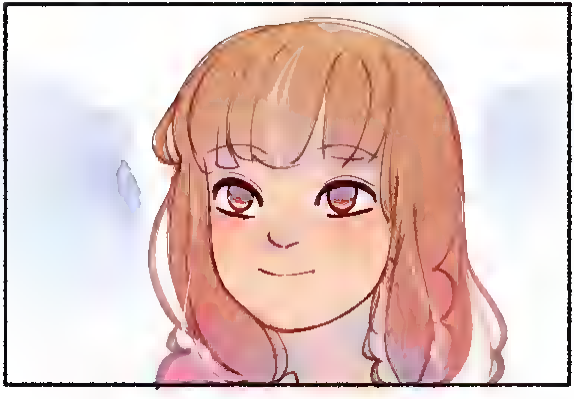
IT'S JUST, WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A WHILE NOW
AND NEW YEAR'S EVE IS SO ROMANTIC
AND I THOUGHT I WANTED TO-
carajo
THIS IS COMING OUT ALL WRONG, I DO WANT TO.
BUT NOT TODAY.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SO CONFUSED.
I'M S
PLEASE DON'T APOLOGISE.
AUSTEN, YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
HONEST, IT'S OKAY, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

HOW IS THIS NOT A BIG DEAL?
DON'T YOU WANT TO HAVE S
OF COURSE I DO!
I WANT TO VERY, VERY MUCH.

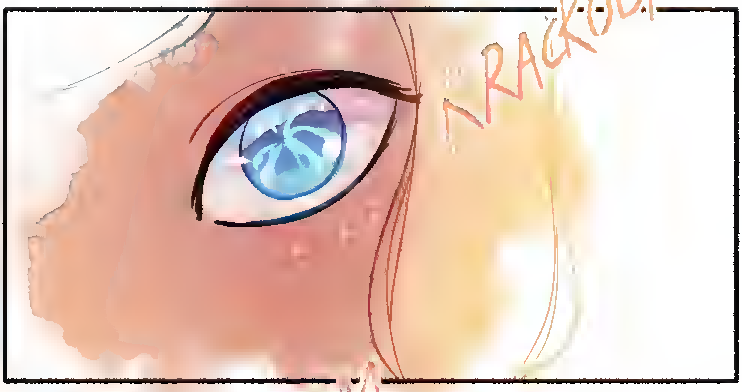
BUT ONLY IF YOU WANT TO.
I DON'T THINK I COULD WANT TO IF YOU DON'T.





. . . ARE YOU AVOIDING SAYING THE WORD 'SEX'?
NOOOOOO?
hee hee GO ON THEN, SAY IT.
. . .
S-S-SEX
WOW. THAT DIDN'T SOUND FORCED AT ALL.
OH HUSH UP AND EAT YOUR GRAF

KRACK
KRACK
KRACK
KRACK

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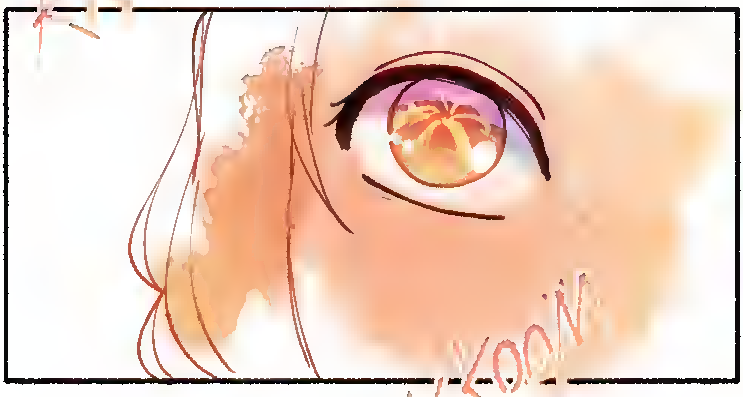

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